



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND



NOISE WAIVER CERTIFICATE

**ISSUED TO:** Clark Construction Group, LLC/ Kwesi Akoto, Project Engineer  
Owner/Operator

**Valid From:** April 1, 2019

**Valid To:** April 30, 2019

**Type of Waiver:** Temporary

**Authorizing:**

Daytime and nighttime work to construct a tunnel and METRO access improvements including utility relocation, excavation, tunneling, and road construction under Rockville Pike between Wood Road and South Drive. Additional roadway improvements will occur on Rockville Pike from Wood Road to Woodmont Ave. Any lane closure permits issued by the Maryland State Highway Administration must be forwarded to the Department of Environmental Protection. Due to the duration of the project, vehicle traffic, and pedestrian safety, work hours are expected to be 24 hours a day with the scheduling of louder activities to occur concurrently during daytime hours.

During nighttime hours (5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.):

1. When possible, use visible warning signals for blasting operations, blasting mats and shaft covers, and drilling installation of pilings and soldier beams.
2. All reasonable efforts should be made to perform the noisiest activities as early in the evening as possible.
3. Machinery shall be equipped with well-maintained and effective mufflers, and moving parts shall be well lubricated to avoid unnecessary noise from squeaking parts. Machinery access doors and hatches should remain closed when the units are in operation and all machinery should be operated at the minimum level necessary to get the job done. Minimize banging, clattering, buzzing and other annoying types of noises.
4. Hauling trucks and machinery shall be operated at the minimum power level necessary to complete the task in a safe manner.
5. Slamming of tailgates is prohibited.
6. All onsite staff, including delivery and dump truck drivers, should be notified of noise mitigation procedures prior to work.
7. The unnecessary backing of machinery and trucks with traditional tonal backup alarms must be avoided, and the site shall be configured to prevent backing of trucks removing excavated soil during nighttime hours.
8. Where possible, the local power grid should be used to reduce the use of internal combustion powered machinery.
9. Prolonged idling of machinery and vehicles must be avoided. If machinery or vehicles are not utilized for long periods, they should be shut off to reduce idling noise.
10. Regular communications should be provided to nearby residences, so they are aware of the work schedule and expected noise related to construction activities.
11. DEP may suspend or revoke this approval for any violation of the terms and conditions, and may make modifications to the terms and conditions based on the results of noise monitoring or the noise impact of certain activities.

DEPC Case 20191101, First 30-day extension

**Location of Work:** Rockville Pike between Wood Road and South Drive

**Town:** Bethesda

**Zip:** 20814

**Approved By:**

*Stan Edwards* For

Director, Department of Environmental Protection

**Date:** March 31, 2019

**This certificate must be available at the work site.**

Cc: Phil Alperson, MC BRAC Coordinator  
MC Police, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Bethesda Station  
BCC Regional Service Center  
Stan Edwards, DEP/DEPC  
Steve Martin, DEP/DEPC

INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS CERTIFICATE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM  
THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND COMPLIANCE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/contact/noise-documents.html#wavers>